

(Case caption)

**VOIR DIRE TO JURY PANEL**

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. I am Judge Robinson, and I will be presiding over the trial for which a jury is about to be drawn in the case captioned \_\_\_\_\_ . Briefly stated, this case is a civil action brought by plaintiff(s) \_\_\_\_\_ against the defendant(s) \_\_\_\_\_ .

The trial is expected to last from \_\_\_\_\_ ; our trial days will run approximately from \_\_\_\_\_ a.m. to \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

Plaintiff(s) is/are represented by \_\_\_\_\_ , an attorney with \_\_\_\_\_ , and by \_\_\_\_\_ . Defendant(s) is/are represented by \_\_\_\_\_ , an attorney with \_\_\_\_\_ .

In the light of this brief summary, I will ask the panel certain questions, the purpose of which is to: (1) enable the court to determine whether or not any prospective juror should be excused for cause; and (2) enable counsel for the parties to exercise their individual judgment with respect to peremptory challenges, that is, challenges for which no reason need be given by counsel. If any of you answer any question "yes," please stand up and, upon being recognized by the court, state your juror number. When I have concluded asking all the

questions, we will call you to the bench individually to speak with you about your affirmative response or responses.

**HAVE CLERK ADMINISTER THE OATH TO THE PANEL**

1. Is any member of the panel related to the plaintiff(s) (or personally acquainted with any officer, director, or employee of, or ever done business with, \_\_\_\_\_ )?

2. Is any member of the panel related to the defendant(s) (or personally acquainted with any officer, director, or employee of, or ever done business with, \_\_\_\_\_ )?

3. Is any member of the panel related to, or personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_, plaintiff's attorney or ever been represented by him or by any associate or member of his law firm, \_\_\_\_\_?

4. Is any member of the panel related to, or personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_, defendant's attorney or ever been represented by him or by any associate or member of his law firm, \_\_\_\_\_?

5. Is any member of the panel related to, or personally acquainted with, any of the following individuals who might appear as witnesses in this case:

6. Does any member of the panel have any personal knowledge of this case, or have you read or heard it discussed, or have an opinion regarding it?

7. Has any member of the panel ever been a plaintiff or a defendant in a civil lawsuit?

8. Has any member of the panel ever served as a juror in a \_\_\_\_\_ lawsuit?

9. Does any member of the panel have any experience with, or knowledge of, \_\_\_\_\_?

10. Does any member of the panel have any special disability or problem that would make it difficult or impossible for you to serve as a member of the jury in this case?

11. Does any member of the panel know of any other matter which you believe should be called to the court's attention as having some bearing upon your qualifications or ability to sit as a juror, or which you think may prevent you from rendering a fair and impartial verdict based solely upon the evidence and my instructions as to the law?